



Texas Department of Public Safety Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

Event Name	Ector County Mass Casualty Incident
Date	January 14, 2015
Time	1200
Operational Period	January 14, 2015
Report Number	#1

Regions Affected	
DPS Regions Affected	Region 4
DDCs Active	None

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:

Mid-morning on Wednesday January 14, 2015 a mass fatality incident occurred west of the City of Odessa near the intersection of Farm-to-Market (FM) 866 and Interstate Highway (IH) 20 in Ector County. Initial reports received indicated that a Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) offender transport bus traveling on IH20 ran off of an overpass that crosses over a Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) track. At the time of the accident there was a UPRR train beneath the overpass and the bus landed on top of the train. At this time it is unknown if the train was moving or parked. Initial report is there are 10 fatalities and 5 injuries. The number of fatalities could increase. Odessa Fire and Rescue responded with 5 ambulances; however they have been released from the scene. Odessa Fire Rescue transported 5 injured people to Medical Center Hospital in Odessa. Ector County Medical Examiner's Office, Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Highway Patrol, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) local law enforcement, and UPRR are on scene. It is believed there were a total of 15 persons on the bus. Additional information from UPRR revealed that the bus came to rest on top of an intermodal trailer adjacent to one hauling several types of chemicals. No chemical releases have been reported. Texas Commission on Environmental (TCEQ) was notified. There have been no requests for state assistance at this time and no unmet needs. All staff and offenders have been accounted for.



Courtesy of Odessa American on the Move

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Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ): The TDCJ Administrative Command Center has been activated to handle the offender transportation bus accident in Ector County.

Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS): Texas Department of Public Safety Highway Patrol is on scene.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT): TxDOT is on scene to assess any possible bridge damage.

FINAL COMMENTS: The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed. The SOC is at Activation Level IV (Normal Conditions).

The four levels of SOC activation are:

Level I (Emergency Conditions)
Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)
Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
Level IV (Normal Conditions)

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